



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that I share my final newsletter. These past 9+ years have been incredibly meaningful and instrumental in my development as an educator. For that I have not only the staff and students to thank, but our parent community as well.

As a school administrator, I have been very appreciative of your consistent understanding, support, and patience. Involved and caring parents such as yourselves are essential in making a school successful. Our collaboration has contributed greatly to my own growth, both professionally and personally. I am deeply grateful.

Should there be anything I can do for you or your children to help with their further education, regardless of where I may be working, please do not hesitate to reach out.

All the best to you and your families for continued health and happiness.

Yours in Learning,

Robert Madden
Principal





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As we conclude our second month of the academic year, I am delighted to see our students settling in and embracing new challenges with enthusiasm. Their dedication to learning and active participation have been commendable.

In October, we will host our first university fair, featuring representatives from three international institutions. This is in addition to a separate visit from a fourth university. These events will provide valuable insights into higher education opportunities and help our students start considering their future academic paths.



We are excited to announce that our Student Leadership Council (SLC) has expanded to 23 members this year. This increase reflects the positive impact last year's council had on our school community. We look forward to their initiatives promoting school growth and leadership development throughout the year.

Upcoming excursions and the Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) program offer valuable personal growth and team-building opportunities. Please discuss these activities with your children to help them prepare to make the most of these experiences.

Together, we support our students in reaching their full potential.

Warm regards,

Joshua Lowery
Head of Studies (Secondary)



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Dear Parents and Guardians,



We hope you are enjoying the start of the school year! As we approach the end of Term 1 on 11 October, we wanted to provide you with a few important updates.

This month, our teachers are conducting reading benchmark assessments with all students in Prep – Year 8. These assessments help us understand each child's current reading level and guide instruction for the rest of the school year. If you would like more information about your child's progress or their assessment results, please feel free to check in with your child's English teacher after the term break.

We look forward to continuing a strong partnership with you and working together to support your child's learning journey. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education.

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

To join the nationwide back-to-school day, The Children's World School held its Opening Ceremony for the 2024-2025 school year on September 5, 2024. The event was brief but warm and solemn, welcoming all students, especially first and sixth graders as they begin their new academic journey.



In addition to focusing on academics, we celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival in September with activities such as lantern-making competitions, lantern parades, lion dances, and class parties.

Teachers are encouraged to incorporate this topic into relevant lessons to show compassion for those affected by the Yagi storm in the northern provinces. This will help students develop empathy for others while fostering appreciation for the simple things in their own lives.

Vuong Y Binh – Head of Vietnamese Studies



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Kindergarten News: Curriculum and Parent Support September 2024

Dear Kindergarten Families,

This September, our kindergarteners are diving into the theme “My School.” This theme helps children become familiar with their classroom environment and understand their daily routines.

We believe that parent involvement is crucial for a child’s development. Here are some ways parents can support your children:

- **Reading Together:** Spend time reading with your child every day. Ask questions about the story and encourage them to talk about the pictures.
- **Establishing Routines at Home:** Reinforce classroom routines by establishing similar routines at home, such as a consistent bedtime and morning routine.
- **Encouraging Independence:** Let your child try new tasks on their own, like dressing themselves or helping with simple chores. This builds confidence and independence.
- **Discussion Time:** Talk to your child about their day at school, encouraging them to share their experiences and feelings.
- **Participating in School Activities:** Join us for events to better understand your child’s school environment and build a stronger connection with their learning journey.

Highlight Event: Mid-Autumn Festival

We are thrilled to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with our kindergarteners! This festive event will include:

- **Making Lantern Competition:** Children will participate in a fun and creative lantern-making competition. This activity encourages artistic expression and teamwork.
- **Lion Dance Performance:** We will have a lively lion dance performance, a traditional part of the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations. This will be a wonderful cultural experience for the children.



We look forward to a fantastic month of learning and growing together. Thank you for your support!

Le Trang Nhung
Lead Teacher (Kindergarten)